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## INITIAL POLREP

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Site: AA Waste Oil, Rock Island, IL (ID# RT)  
Contract No: 68-S2-5001  
Delivery Order #: 5001-05-342  
Date: January 14, 1994  
Site Location Latitude 41 26" 34.3", Longitude 090 35'37.7  
Polrep #: Initial  
Weather: Extremely Cold, Temp 0°, Wind Chill -50°

## Background:

The A.A. Waste Oil Site is an abandoned waste oil storage, processing and transfer facility. The site consists of three buildings and a tank farm. The facility began operation in 1970 and was owned at the time by Industrial Fuels Inc., of Springfield, IL. In 1983, Moreco Energy Inc. purchased and operated A.A. Waste Oil as a subsidiary. The facility discontinued operation in 1991.

Solvent bearing wastes and PCB contaminated waste oils were stored and possibly processed on site. Initially the facility operated under a generic special waste permit issued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Later, the facility maintained a RCRA Part A interim status permit. In 1981 the facility submitted a 103(c) hazardous waste site notification which listed specifically: K048, K049, K051, K052, D008, and D001 waste classifications.

The IEPA has conducted several inspections of the facility over the years and has documented numerous operating violations. In July 1985, the Attorney General for the State of Illinois issued a Temporary Restraining Order against A.A. Waste Oil and Moreco Energy, Inc. The Restraining Order required that the site be secured, all discharging and depositing of liquids cease, plans for remediation of the site and the cleanup be performed. On April 3, 1991 IEPA filed a Consent Order requiring Moreco to conduct remedial activities at four of their sites including A.A. Waste Oil. Moreco filed for bankruptcy in June 1991.

In May 1992, U.S. EPA conducted a site assessment of the facility and documented a potential threat to human health and the

environment from hazardous substances stored in tanks and drums in an uncontrolled manner. Estimates indicate that 350,000 gallons of waste oil, including 20,000 gallons contaminated with PCBs, are currently on site. In addition, evidence suggests the presence of PCB contaminated soil and several drums of paint wastes remaining on site.

An Action Memorandum was signed by the U.S. EPA on November 30, 1992 to conduct a time critical removal action at the A.A. Waste Oil site. Due to prioritization of funds by U.S. EPA management, mobilization to the site did not occur until January 13, 1994.

#### Current Activities:

Mobilization of personnel and equipment to the site took place on January 15, 1994.

Initial preparation of site including equipment and utilities procurement and access control.

#### Future Activities:

Conduct sampling and hazcatting of all tanks and drums on site.

#### Personnel:

ERCS 6  
TAT 1  
EPA 2

Cost: (as of January 13, 1994)

	Project Ceiling	Current Cost	Funds Remaining
ERCS	465,000	3,289	461,711
TAT	75,000	783	74,217
EPA	62,000	1,590	60,410
TOTAL	602,000	5,662	596,338